GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:426
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COMPUTER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce computer education viz. "Vidyarthi" and Shikshak" on the pilot project basis in all the schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether private organisations and State Governments are also proposed to be involved in the scheme ;

(d) if so whether attractive financial package would be extended to such schools to procure computers and accessories; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURALI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTs (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.426 25.4.2000 REGARDING COMPUTER EDUCATION ASKED BY SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU AND DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR.

(a) to (f) : The national Information Technology action Plan (Part - I) had proposed the launch ofthree schemes namely 'Vidyarthi Computer Scheme' 'Shikshak Computer Scheme' and 'The School Computer Scheme' to enable students, teachers and schools desirous of buying computers to do so under attractive financial packages. These proposals are being processed by the Ministry of Information Technology in consultation with this Department.

As a supportive initiative and in view of changing requirements the scheme for Computer Literacy and Studies inSchools (CLASS) is being modified and the details regarding number of schools, requirement of funds etc. are being worked out. State Govts./UTs., autonomous bodies and private organisations recommended by State Govts.are proposed to be involved in the implementation of the Scheme.